

Diversity Task Group meeting minutes 4/13/15

Minutes of the February meeting approved with a few amendments.

Amendments: wording regarding the METCO program changed to "urge law makers to allocate 21 million for METCO in the up coming fiscal,year 2015-2016

Announcements:

1) An invitation from the Vision 2020 for the end of their end of the year celebration on June 11th. Location t.b.a.

2) Mystic Valley NAACP area conference:Unity Relay for Justice May 15 to 22 - re. Disparity in the criminal justice system- for more info: [www.MVP - NAACP.org](http://www.MVP-NAACP.org)

3) church of our Saviour - Justice event 10:00 am

Presenter: Dr. Susan Starr author of Can't catch a break: Gender, jAil, drugs and the limits of personal responsibility

4) Freedom breakfast to be held on April 11 in Stoneham Mount Clair Plaza

5) Multi cultural Network: Sunday May 3 - 2:30 to 4:30

Theme: Inclusion for All - a community of immigrants

6) Brooks reported regarding the LGBTQ event he attended. He said that 30 to 40 people attended. And the atmosphere was very positive. They thanked us for putting this matter on our agenda.

7)Mary talked about having attended a workshop by Dr. Valerie Batts from Visions-inc.com

8) Olivia and Sana from the Peacemakers group talked about a workshop on Facing Racism sponsored by the Arlington high school

9) Sana talked about assistance being needed for the Arlington Youth Coalition for their stickers campaign

10) Farjam talked about a monthly gathering at her home for the purpose of bringing various groups in Arlington together and talk about matters relevant to Diversity in Arlington.